

	<p style="text-align: center;">Council 18 May 2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report from the Director of Environment and Culture</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards Affected: All</p>	
<p>Local Development Framework - Core Strategy and Site Specific Allocations</p>	

Summary

1.1 The Council’s Planning Service has carried out a number of public consultation exercises in 2008/9 on draft versions of the Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy and also on a Site Specific Allocations document. These are intended to replace Brent’s Unitary Development Plan (UDP). Changes have been made as a result of these consultation exercises and following advice from Government Office for London and the Planning Inspectorate. They have advised that we should now get the revised Core Strategy and the Site Specific Allocations documents agreed by Full Council as ‘Submission’ versions. This means they have one more round of public consultation (in May-June 09) and are then submitted to Government in July 2009 for a formal Examination in Public. Executive have recommended that Council approve the Core Strategy and SSA’s documents in April 6th 2009 and this was supported by Forward Plan Sub-Committee on April 22nd 2009.

2.0 Recommendations

Council are asked to:

- 2.1 Approve the proposed Submission version of the LDF Core Strategy (Appendix 2 of this report) and the Site Specific Allocations (Appendix 3 of this report) documents for consultation and submission following the timetable set out in Appendix 1 (attached) of this report; and
- 2.2 Agree the inclusion of the Infrastructure and Investment Framework for the purposes of public consultation as set out in Appendix 4 of this report;

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3.0 Detail

3.1 The Council first drafted its Core Strategy in 2006, taking the document through its various stages and consulting the public on it. Appendix 1 of this report sets out the steps officers have taken to ensure that the Core Strategy and the Site Specific Allocations (SSA) documents are ready for Examination and thereafter adopted as Statutory Planning documents that will guide development and the shape of the borough over the next 20-30 years.

3.2 Executive agreed to recommend that Council agree the Core Strategy and SSA documents on 6th April 2009. The matter was also considered by Forward Plan Select Committee on 22nd April 2009. They noted the Executive report and asked Executive to instruct the Planning Service to consider ways of developing Kilburn High Road in partnership with Camden. This matter does not affect the Core Strategy and more detailed work on Kilburn High Road can be brought forward for Executive's consideration in due course.

Infrastructure & Investment Framework (IIF) & other documents

3.3 The delay in moving forward with the Core Strategy was in part related to the lack of information about how infrastructure required by significant housing development was to be afforded. In short, there was a lack of information on what infrastructure was required, when would it be delivered and who would pay for it. These matters are covered in the council's IIF document set out as appendix 4. Council are asked to agree this document for public consultation. The Council also has to produce a Sustainability Appraisal of its LDF documents and they are included in the background papers and are available to view. The documents above will form part of the package of information being consulted on.

4.0 Financial and other Implications

4.1 These are set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

Background Papers

See Appendix 1 of this report

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Appendices

The following are contained in separate Appendices

Appendix 1

Report on LDF Core Strategy to Executive, 6th April 2009 (attached)

Appendix 2

Submission version of LDF Core Strategy

(a copy is available in the members' rooms, on line and can be obtained from Democratic Services)

Appendix 3

Submission version of Site Specific Allocations

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Appendix 4

Infrastructure and Investment Framework

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